

Salato Wildlife
Education Center
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Winter Events



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December 2005 - February 2006

A Roaring THANK YOU to Ashland!



Salato Wildlife Education Center is pleased to announce that Ashland, Inc. has pledged \$40,000 toward the new Salato Audio Tour. The tour is designed to provide interesting and detailed information about the animals and habitats on display at the center, as well as the role the KDFWR plays in their management and conservation. Each stop is optional, so every visitor can customize his/her tour of Kentucky's natural resources. Preparations are underway and we hope to unveil the tour in the spring of 2006. Units will be rented by visitors at the front desk for a nominal fee and copies of the information will be made available to teachers for use in the classroom through the Kentucky Afield Gift Shop.



WINTER HOURS

(Sept. 1 to May 31)

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

We will be closed
Dec. 23, 2005 to Jan. 2, 2006.



Winter is a great time to view the wildlife at Salato!

The Wildlife Center is open year-round. Although our captive animals don't hibernate, long winter naps are a great way to conserve energy during the leaner, winter months of the year. On cooler days, you can expect the animals to be more active and crowds are not so tight. When temperatures aren't expected to rise above 20° F, certain animals are kept in for their protection and comfort. Call ahead to find out if your favorite members of the Salato family will be available for viewing!



Check out our Calendar of Events ONLINE at fw.ky.gov. Just click on "Upcoming Events" to search for happenings at Salato, or across the state! Even better, you'll receive 10% off the price of Salato programs and events when you present your valid Kentucky hunting or fishing license!

To register for one of the workshops, please call us at (502) 564-7863.

Halloween Walk With the Animals



Once again the haunted spirits of the forest came out in full force during the Salato Center's Halloween Walk With the Animals. Many thanks to our talented staff and tireless volunteers as we celebrated Halloween with over 6,655 children and parents this year! Photos of the fabulous winners in our 11th annual costume contest can be seen by going online to fw.ky.gov and clicking on Salato. Special thanks to everyone who donated their valuable time and money to make this our most successful Halloween Walk ever!

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- St. Paul's Methodist Church Youth Group



Holiday Sale in the Kentucky Afield Gift Shop

Nov. 23 - Dec. 23

Save 25% on all those items you've been admiring for yourself or for someone else. Sorry! No discounts on clearance items.

Saturday, December 10 Holiday Candle Making

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$15. Limit: 10

Participants: Ages 8 and up.

Learn how to decorate for the holidays with candles made by your very own hands. In our Candle Making course, you will use natural materials collected around Salato and give these decorative candles your own personal touch. The center provides all the materials you need to make a very special holiday candle to take home. Sign up today because space is limited. These candles will make a perfect, personal gift this holiday season. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**



Saturday, December 17 Kids' Holiday Crafts

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10. Limit: 10

Participants: Ages 5-8

Hey kids, are you looking for something to do? Do

you need to get a present for someone special? Then join us for a day of creative holiday crafts. We will be making a few crafts that you can keep for yourself or give away. You can even make a gift bag to put your gifts in! **Registration and pre-payment are required.**



Wednesday, January 11 Brown Bag Lunch – Kentucky's Last Great Places

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Cost: Free. Limit: None

Participants: All are welcome! Great for state employees!

We are continuing our brown bag lunch series on the second Wednesday of each month in 2006. Kentucky is a diverse landscape of interesting and unknown places. Many of them are featured in *Kentucky Life's* special presentation "Kentucky's Last Great Places." Bring your lunch and celebrate Kentucky's rich environment with Salato staff. No registration required.



Eagle Weekends 2006

The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, in cooperation with Kentucky State Parks, is pleased to again offer nature lovers the opportunity to view and learn more about majestic Bald Eagles in their natural habitat. Affordable guided tours led by experienced field leaders will be offered on selected weekends. For reservations or more information, call the park of your choice:

Jan. 20-22 Kentucky Dam Village State Resort Park (270) 362-4271

Jan. 20-21 & 27-28 Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park 1-800-325-2282

Jan. 27-29 Lake Barkley State Resort Park (270) 924-1131

Feb. 3-5 Kenlake State Park State Resort Park (270) 474-2211



Saturday, January 14 Nature Journaling

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$8. Limit: 15
Participants: Ages 15 and older!

Want to escape the winter blahs?! Come to Salato and see what nature is doing. Join native plant biologist Katherine Shaw as she explores the world of nature journaling. You will make your own journal and add an entry or two while you are here. She has lots of great ideas to share and things to do even when it is cold outside. We will go outside, so dress warm or plan on making your own space indoors near a window. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

Saturday, January 21 Fishy Fun

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Cost: \$8. Limit: 15
Participants: Ages 12 and under!

The Game Farm lakes are stocked with trout during the winter months to give the die-hard outdoor lovers another reason to get out of the house. But if you want to take a kid fishing where there's a very good chance you'll catch a lot of fish, join Salato staff members Rob Anderson and Mark Watkins for some fishy fun. Catching trout at the Game Farm is easy! We'll also provide a light lunch (hot dogs, potato chips, and punch) for the kids. If parents would like to join the kids for lunch, it is an additional \$4. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**



Tuesday, January 24 Wetlands and Waterfowl

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: \$3. Limit: The more the merrier!
Participants: Homeschoolers between age 8 and 15.

Wetlands are a unique type of habitat. Plants and animals that like to live in a wetland may or may not

be found in deeper bodies of water like ponds or lakes. Let us inspire you to draw a Junior Duck Stamp and to do your part to protect wetland habitat. Is that duck a dabbling or a diver? What's the difference? We'll talk about different kinds of waterfowl and get you started on a piece of artwork by doing some preliminary sketches. You'll then receive tips on what makes winning art by participating in mock judging. And of course we'll take a trip outside to observe waterfowl, so dress for the weather! **Registration and pre-payment are required.**



Collector stamps are in!

Waterfowl stamps have a rich history of contributing to wetland and stream conservation since the grassroots efforts of hunters began in 1934. This year's collector stamps are already available for sale—just in time for holiday gifts! Continue your own collection or start a collecting tradition for someone special in your life. To purchase a collector stamps, call Tressa Brown or Alisa Veverka at (502) 564-7863 before February 28, 2006 at which time all remaining stamps are destroyed. Due to lack of interest, we are no longer offering the trout stamps for sale.



Kids, Teachers, and Home Schoolers!

Don't forget that the deadline for Kentucky Duck Stamp entries is March 15, 2006. The Junior Duck Stamp Conservation and Design Program extends wildlife awareness far beyond the annual contests and the students who participate in the program. In addition to supporting youth conservation education projects in and outside the classroom, the program also influences friends, relatives, and those viewing contest entry artwork exhibited across the nation. To learn more about the history of this contest visit www.duckstamps.fws.gov.

Saturday, January 28 Basics of Beekeeping

2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Cost: Free. Limit: None.
Participants: All are welcome!

Did you know that honeybees pollinate most of our food crops? And like many other animals, humans have been farming bees and bee products around the world for thousands of years. Join Tom Webster, Kentucky State University (KSU) Extension Agent and honey-

bee researcher for a presentation on getting started in beekeeping. This interactive presentation is designed to help you figure out if beekeeping is right for you and lead you to the more comprehensive information, training and services available through KSU's extension service. Tom will use Salato's own demonstration hive and other visual aids. No live bees will be brought into the center. No registration required.



Saturday, February 4 On Top of a Log – Tracks, Scat and other “Signs” of Wildlife

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$5. Limit: 15
Participants: Everyone with a keen eye about the world around them!

Be vewy vewy quiet... we're hunting wabbits! But this time, just to see if we can find them. In spring and summer the wildlife is easy to spot sunning on logs or foraging for an easy meal, but as the weather gets cooler, the animals get scarce. Where did they go? They're all still out there, and the challenge is to find them. Join biologist Laurie Davison to see how you can track and find winter wildlife using a few simple facts about their behavior and looking for the “signs” they leave behind! We'll search for tracks, droppings, escape tunnels, nests, and more from the wildlife that makes the Game Farm its home.

Registration and pre-payment are required.

Wednesday, February 8 Brown Bag Lunch – Contemporary Powwows

Noon – 1:00 p.m.
Cost: Free. Limit: None
Participants: All are welcome! Great for state employees!

Everyone loves to dance, so escape the winter blahs at Salato! Join cultural anthropologist, Tressa Brown, for a slide presentation on the contemporary Native American Powwow. Bring your lunch and take a quick look at social and competitive Native American dancing. She will explore the different types of regalia for four styles of dance. No registration required.



Saturday, February 11 So, You Want To Be A Biologist?! Part 3

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10. Limit: 15
Participants: Ages 15-18.
Great for young adults interested in pursuing a career in biology.

Our biologists are still busy, even when it is cold outside. We have the next session in this series to discover what KDFWR biologists do everyday. Wildlife Biologist Karen Alexy will show you some techniques used in studying and managing big game populations across the state. You will learn telemetry, tracking animals using radio collars, a vital tool in today's wildlife manage-

ment. Wear warm clothes and bring your sense of adventure because we are in search of large mammals!

Registration and pre-payment are required.



Saturday, February 18 The Great Backyard Bird Count

2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Cost: \$8. Limit: None

Participants: Ages 12 and up. A great activity for older scouts and future biologists!

Sign up today to be part of this year's annual Great Backyard Bird Count. Every year, amateur bird watchers around the nation and beyond gather to identify and count songbirds to help the ornithology lab at Cornell University get a census of songbird distributions. Join Joan Brown to identify bird neighbors in your backyard then record your observations around the Salato Center (from the heated comfort of the building if you wish). The results of our count will then be added to the nationwide count on the Internet. You'll also build a bird feeder to add to your habitat at home! For more information about this event, see the website at <http://birdsource.cornell.edu/gbbc/>. **Registration and pre-payment are required.**

Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25 Environmental Career Fair

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Cost: FREE! Limit: None

Participants: Anyone interested in a career in Kentucky's Natural Resources!

"How do I get a job like yours?" That is the most common question we get at Salato. The answer ... come to the career fair and talk with folks from various state and federal agencies, private business, Kentucky colleges and universities about career prospects. You will be able to browse lots of booths and talk to the professionals about education and choices you can make now to boost your future before you submit those college applications. No registration required.



Valentine's Day Sale in the Kentucky Afield Gift Shop

February 14-19

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New Kentucky outdoors website

All Wild About Kentucky's Environment (AWAKE) is a website for all Kentuckians! It is a site with many different kinds of information for all audiences: students, teachers, hunters, anglers, and all of us who love and want to know more about Kentucky's environment. Visit www.kentuckyawake.org to check it out!

Hunting and Fishing Licenses Expire on February 28. Time to Renew...

A 2006 license makes a great gift for a whole year of outdoor fun! Hunters, boaters and anglers have always been at the forefront of conservation efforts in Kentucky. In fact, the proceeds from the sale of collector waterfowl stamps alone have bought hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands in Kentucky for permanent protection and conservation! So even if you don't hunt or fish, one of the best investments you can make in preserving Kentucky's abundant wildlife resources is to purchase a hunting and/or fishing license. The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is pleased to offer its diverse services statewide and to all Kentuckians without burdening taxpayers or tapping into the state's general fund dollars.



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The Salato Wildlife Education Center is located on the grounds of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources' Game Farm in Frankfort, on US 60 2 miles west of US 127.

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Support the Salato Wildlife Education Center and Kentucky's wildlife resources - donate to the Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Foundation. Your assistance will help to assure quality wildlife education statewide and at the Salato Center. We can't do it without you! The Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources is funded by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and boater registrations, and by the generous donations of people like you!

Donations in excess of \$5, and all contributions, are deemed to have been made to a qualifying 501(c)(3) organization and are tax deductible.

Corporate donations

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Thank you for supporting Kentucky youth!

Send to: Susan Saufley, Kentucky Fish & Wildlife Foundation, #1 Game Farm Rd., Frankfort, KY 40601

www.kentuckywildlife.com